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STAGE 2

Life under the same roof

Wait calm down... think about this from the other side!
As long as I get together with this girl within a year, I'll be able to stay human.
Maybe I'll even be able to find a way to turn myself back into a merman!!

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MERMAID BOYS

A manga about boys meets high school girls fantasy love comedy

If that's the case, the most important thing right now is to find a way to make her fall head over heels in love with me!!
NYEHH
zzz
zzz
CHIRP
CHIRP
POP UP

BE MY WOMAN.
eyes open
HM...?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, YOU PER-VERT?!
CRA
SH
EVER SINCE YESTERDAY, ALL YOU'VE BEEN BLABBING ABOUT IS "MY WOMAN" THIS, "MY WOMAN" THAT!
IT'S NOT FUNNY!!
PUNK
HMPH

MORNING~
YOU GUYS SURE ARE ENERGETIC SO EARLY.
WHAT IS THIS?! MY SWEET TALK HAS NO EFFECT AT ALL ..?!
SEPA
NAMI-CHAN, CAN YOU HELP ME WITH BREAKFAST?
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, GO TAKE A BATH, NARU-KUN.
You didn't bathe yesterday, right?
RATES
SLIDES OPEN
If I knew it was going to turn out this way, I wouldn't have become a human...
No matter how cold a woman acts, usually the moment I sweet talk her, she becomes infatuated with me...

SPRAYS
OHHH~~
BUBBLE
OHHHH~~
...OHHH~~
INNOCENT
Maybe it really is worth it to stay human a little while longer...!!
I still have a year, anyway.
I'll cross that bridge when I get to it.
AHH~ BATHS REALLY ARE A GREAT THING!
AH, NARU-KUN.
Waaaaa
Aaaa
Aaaa

Sea grapes
Fried eggs with grated carrots
Okinawan-style miso soup with tofu and pork
Okinawan-style fried rice
COME ON, BREAKFAST IS READY
...HM?
So this is human food!!
OHHHH----?!
Probably one of his friends.
WHAT?!
HOW CAN YOU EAT SOMETHING LIKE THIS?!!
SNAP

HEY, YOU! HII-SAN WENT TO ALL THIS EFFORT TO MAKE THIS BREAKFAST FOR YOU...!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, NAMI-CHAN
SORRY... I LOST MY APPETITE.
AH, COULD IT BE THAT YOU DON'T LIKE FISH? I'M SORRY, I'LL BRING SOMETHING ELSE RIGHT AWAY
HUMANS REALLY ARE SCARY!! I WANT TO GO HOME...!!
GURP

SWEET
IF YOU WOULD ENJOY EATING NARU-KUN'S PORTION TOO, I'D BE REALLY HAPPY
BUT...!
MM...

SHEESH, IT CAN'T BE HELPED THEN
SITS
AH, I'LL GET IT
RRR
YEAH, IT SEEMS LIKE THEY ARRIVED EARLIER THAN SCHEDULED
I'LL GO GREET THEM
A GUEST?
IS THIS THE GUEST WHO BOOKED A STAY WITH US TODAY? WE'LL BE RIGHT OVER
HELLO?
I WOULD NEVER HAVE GUESSED FROM THE WAY SHE WAS SCOLDING ME
SORRY ABOUT THAT NAMI-CHAN USUALLY IS QUITE INTRO-VERTED
Telephone
WE RUN A BED AND BREAKFAST INN HERE.
THAT WAS A GUEST JUST NOW
WH-WHAT IS THIS?!

AHAHA.
YOU'LL UNDERSTAND EVENTUALLY.
THAT WAS COMPLETELY UNCONVINCING!
SHE REALLY IS AN HONEST AND GENTLE GIRL.
CLATTER
YO!
I'll probably never be able to understand...
HUH? ARASHI-KUN?
I WAS IN THE AREA, SO I DECIDED TO DROP BY AND VISIT
NAMI-CHAN IS GREETING SOME GUESTS NOW

DID YOU COME TO CHECK ON HER?
YEAH, SOMETHING LIKE THAT
...Huh?
This guy looks familiar...
...AH-!!!

It's the scumbag who took credit for my effort last time!!
AS LONG AS SHE'S WELL, THAT'S FINE
AH, THESE ARE FROM MY FAMILY'S SHOP
Tea cake
WOW- THANK YOU
SEE YA
NOW WAIT JUST A MINUTE, YOU!!
HUH?
If you tell a human your secret, you will turn into foam and disappear.
HOW DARE YOU STEAL MY...
NO IDEA WHO THIS SHORTY IS
EH, WHAT IS IT? YOU TWO KNOW EACH OTHER?
I AM NOT A SHORTY--!
NO, NEVER MIND!!
WHAT'S WITH HIM?
DUE TO VARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES, HE'S IN OUR CARE

WELL..
WHAT A WEIRDO
CLATTER
SLAM
CLATTER
That scumbag--!! I'll definitely give him a good beating one day!!
SEETLING
SEETLING
Though I don't really care one way or the other about Nami, that guy really riles me up
WHY CAN'T WE CHECK IN NOW?!
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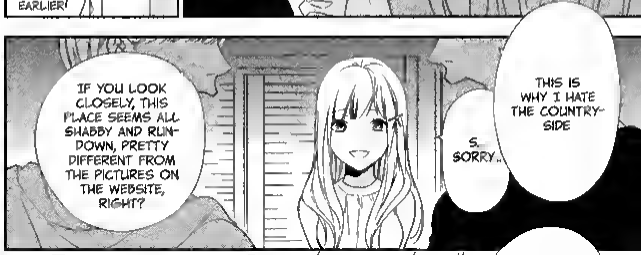
I'M SORRY..
IT ISN'T TIME FOR YOU TO CHECK IN YET, SO PLEASE WAIT A BIT MORE. I'LL BRING YOU TO YOUR ROOM IN A LITTLE WHILE...
HURRY UP- WE CAME ALL THE WAY FROM TOKYO, SO WE'RE REALLY TIRED NOW
YOU GUYS SHOULD HAVE PREDICTED THIS KIND OF THING AND MADE PREPARATIONS EARLIER!


THIS IS WHY I HATE THE COUNTRYSIDE
S, SORRY..
IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY, THIS PLACE SEEMS ALL SHABBY AND RUN-DOWN, PRETTY DIFFERENT FROM THE PICTURES ON THE WEBSITE, RIGHT?

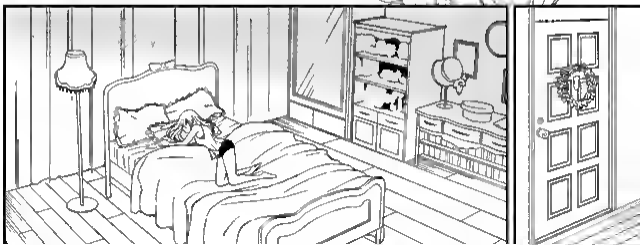
TCH- RATHER THAN STAY IN THIS KIND OF PLACE, I WANNA HURRY UP AND GO TO THE BEACH-
I'M VERY SORRY
IF YOU COULD WAIT FIVE MORE MINUTES, WE'LL HAVE THE ROOMS READY FOR YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

SHE SHOULD HAVE APOLOGIZED MORE SINCERELY~
But she was kind of cute
That again? You
RUNS
THEY'RE GUESTS, SO I CAN'T DO THAT
What are you doing?
I'm making the beds
WHAT WAS UP WITH THOSE GUYS BACK THERE? LET'S FINISH THEM.
...THIS IS THE INN MY FATHER LEFT ME.
I HAVE TO RUN IT WELL.

DE...
Delicious~~~
Acn
Spoom
Left her...?
SIGH
AH, NAMI-CHAN, GOOD WORK
COME OVER AND HAVE SOME
LET ME EAT THEM ALL!
AREN'T THESE DRAGON-FRUITS TASTY?
WE PLANTED THEM OUR-SELVES
TAP TAP TAP
...?
murmur
murmur
SORRY, HII-SAN.
I'LL EAT LATER
WE DIDN'T!
DID YOU TWO ARGUE AGAIN?

I WONDER WHAT'S WRONG?
THAT REMINDS ME, WHERE ARE HER PARENTS?
HER MOTHER IS AN ACTRESS SHE'S IN TOKYO NOW
Actress... Is that something like role-playing?
The Mermaid's Grand Theater held monthly.
HER FATHER WAS A FISHERMAN, BUT...
HE PASSED AWAY IN A BOATING ACCIDENT TWO YEARS AGO
...IS THAT SO...
This is the inn my father left me.
I have to run it well.
I never knew she had such a tough life...
THEN WHAT DO YOU DO?
He/he.
OH-
I'M THE CARETAKER WHO LIVES HERE.
You seem like you don't really care

THAT GIRL ALWAYS TRIES TO DO EVERYTHING ON HER OWN AND ENDS UP PUSHING HERSELF TOO HARD
IT'S ONLY RIGHT THAT I SUPPORT HER.
YOU SHOULD BE GENTLER TOWARDS THE GIRL YOU LIKE, TOO
WHA- I DON'T LIKE HER AT ALL-!
...Though I did like her before!



"Wow-!"
"Isn't it amazing?!"
"All these houses were built for those who like Miyako Island and want to come back to visit again."
"There are so many houses here!"
"This is Papa, Mama, Nami and Hikaru's new house!"
"Are all of these our houses?"
"Papa will work hard so that Nami and everyone who comes here con have wonderful memories of this place~~~!"
SLAP
SLAP

EH?
WHERE'S NARU?
All right!
WHAT A WEIRD GUY.
HA HA HA HA
AGAIN? HOW MANY TIMES IS HE GOING TO TAKE A BATH TODAY?
It's been four times already
HE SEEMS TO REALLY LIKE THE GOEMON-BURO*
HE WENT TO TAKE A BATH.
*CAULDRON BATH
YAY~
SUMMER REALLY ISN'T SUMMER WITHOUT THIS~!
WHOO!
YEAH!
HEY, HURRY AND LIGHT THE FIRE-WORKS!
AH- THIS IS SUPER FUN!

EVEN THOUGH IT'S STATED IN THE INN RULES THAT NO FIREWORKS ARE ALLOWED...
I'LL GO SPEAK TO THEM
IT'S FINE, I'LL GO
STEAMING
AHHH~ THIS IS MY FAVORITE THING IN THE HUMAN WORLD SO FAR
EXCUSE ME,
SETTING OFF FIREWORKS AT NIGHT WILL DISTURB THE OTHER GUESTS.
SO IT'LL BE FINE AS LONG AS WE DON'T DO IT AT NIGHT?

IT'S NOT JUST THAT
IT WOULD BE TERRIBLE IF A FIRE WERE TO BREAK OUT...
WHAT THE HECK, YOU'RE SO STINGY!
WE SHOULD HAVE GONE TO STAY AT A RESORT HOTEL INSTEAD OF THIS BORING PLACE.
THE BATHS ARE SUPER SMALL AND THERE'S NOTHING NEARBY.
A WORTHLESS RUNDOWN INN LIKE THIS,
IT WOULDN'T EVEN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IF IT WERE TO BE BURNT TO THE GROUND, WOULD IT?
HA HA HA HA

...IF YOU TWO DISLIKE THIS PLACE SO MUCH, THEN PLEASE LEAVE.
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
this one's my type
WHAT IS A KID LIKE YOU BEING ALL AKKO & GANT FOR?
GET THE MANAGER OVER HERE!
PULLS
BREAKS
LET'S GO

THE BRACELET MY DAD LEFT ME...
AH..
Scatters
ANGRY
WHAT A PATHETIC BUNCH YOU ARE.
NAMI-CHA-..
WH-WHAT?

THERE ARE SO MANY WONDERFUL THINGS HERE, YET YOU GUYS CAN'T APPRECIATE THEM!!

WOW
WARM WATER FROM WHO-KNOWS-WHERE!!
NO MATTER WHICH ROOM YOU STAY IN, THERE ARE WINDOWS WHERE THE SUNLIGHT SHINES THROUGH!
WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY?
YOU GUYS SHOULD BE THANKFUL THAT YOU WERE BORN AS HUMANS IN THIS WORLD!!
MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE FACT THAT YOU CAN WALK UNDER THIS STARRY NIGHT SKY WITH YOUR OWN TWO FEET IS ABSOLUTELY MIRACULOUS!!
WHA-WHAT?

IF YOU CAN'T EVEN APPRECIATE ALL THIS...!
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IT'S YOUR OWN LOSS!

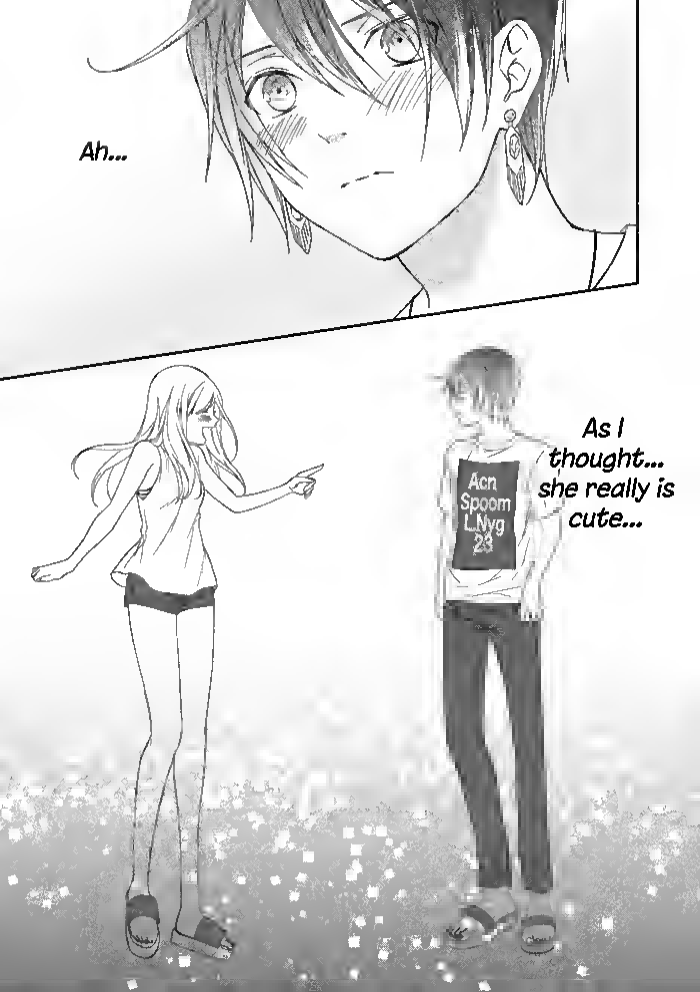
SHE SEEMED NICE

SHOCKED
EH?!
WHY ARE YOU CRYING?!
Did I make her cry?!
I FELT LIKE
THEY WERE MAKING FUN OF MY FATHER,
AND I WAS
SO FRUSTRATED..!

Ah...
cn
She's pretty adorable when she's crying.
BUT,
THANKS TO YOU, I FEEL MUCH BETTER NOW
pulls back
Acn

THANK YOU
Acq
That guy really understood her, huh...
"She really is an honest and gentle girl."
...I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING MUCH
RUMBLE
YOU... THAT--
Hm...?
That bracelet.

HUH?
F-L-A-N-E?! IS THAT SOME KIND OF BIRD?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "WHAT IS THAT" IT'S JUST A PLANE
...?!
WHAT IS THAT?!
SFX: ROOOAR
WOOW- THAT'S SO COOL-
pfft
AHAHAHAHA!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
YOU'RE SO WEIRD!


Ah...
Acn
Spoom
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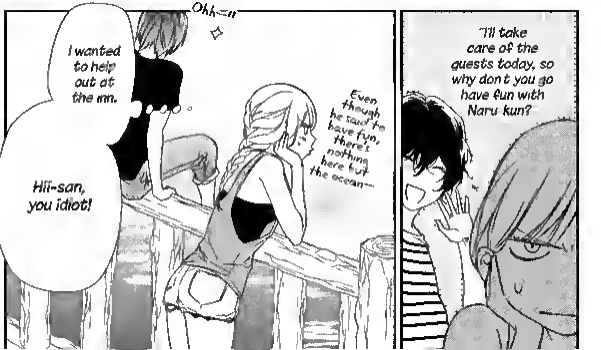
As I thought... she really is cute...

I WAS WRONG, YOU'RE NOT CUTE AT ALL!!
Give me back my innocence!!
What did you say—?!
PISSED OFF
...?
WH-WHAT?!
WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT ME FOR?! GROSS!


Ohh=n
I wanted to help out at the inn.
Even though he said to have fun, there's nothing here but the ocean—
Hii-san, you idiot!
"I'll take care of the guests today, so why don't you go have fun with Naru kun?

HEY
WHAT?
COULD IT BE THAT YOU LIKE HIKARU?
HUH?!
WH-WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME THAT?!
UWAH, I'VE HIT THE BULLSEYE, HAVEN'T I?
WHY IS YOUR FACE SO RED?
LI...
WHAP
LIKE HELL I LIKE HIM!!
AH— I'M SORRY NARU!!
SPLASH!!
NARU?

Why did I turn back into a merman?
Wasn't that supposed to be impossible for me...?!
HEY IT CAN'T BE..!!
EH...?
TO BE CONTINUED